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- 1. WE ARE SEPARATELY REPEATING TO GENEVA REF A REGARDING CONTINENTAL AIRLINES PROPOSAL TO TRANSPORT INDOCHINESE REFUGEES FROM THAILAND TO THE U.S. AND REF B CONTAINING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACCELERATING THE MOVEMENT TO THE U.S. OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES FROM THAILAND.
- 2. GENEVA, ON RECEIPT OF THESE REFTELS, SHOULD APPROACH ICEM SOONEST TO URGE THEM TO MAKE ALBERT CORCOS AVAILABLE TO PROCEED TO BANGKOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO LOOK OVER SITUATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACCELERATING MOVEMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDOCHINESE REFUGEES TO U.S.. WE RECOGNIZE CORCOS IS RETIRED BUT HOPE THAT HE MAY BE WILLING TO ACCEPT TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT TO ASSIST IN MEETING THIS PROBLEM. CORCOS' PERFORMANCE IN DEALING WITH EPP IN 1976 WAS MOST IMPRESSIVE AND WE HOPE TO BENEFIT BY HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE. AS OF MAY 12, POST REPORTED TOTAL OF OVER 4,000 REFUGEES IN THAILAND FOR WHOM SPONSORSHIP ASSURANCES HAD BEEN RECEIVED. OF

THESE, SOME 1,500 ARE REPORTEDLY ON MEDICAL OR OTHER HOLD. BUT ABOUT 2,500 ARE READY TO BE MOVED. WE MUST TAKE STEPS TO SPEED UP THIS OUTFLOW TO CLEAR UP BACKLOG IN ORDER TO BE READY TO MOVE QUICKLY WHEN NEW 25,000 PAROLE PROGRAM IS AUTHORIZED.

3. WE HOPE THAT CORCOS WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT BANGKOK URGENTLY, AND RECOMMEND ACTIONS TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM SOONEST. WE ALSO PLAN TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH ICEM DIRECTOR JOHN THOMAS WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON MAY 25. VANCE

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